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of a Data Processing )  
Transaction )

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20232

Sir:

Please amend claim 4 to read as indicated:

4. (Amended once.) A method according to claim [3] 2,  
wherein one entry of data is a personal identification number (PIN)  
associated with [the] a user identification card and the other  
entry of data is data personal to an authorized holder of the card.

This amendment corrects an obvious error: claim 3 has been  
cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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